

****Update** State Police Investigating Fatal Crash South of Hartly**

Presented by Public Information Officer, Master Corporal Gary Fournier

Hartly – The Delaware State Police Collision Reconstruction Unit is investigating a fatal crash south of Hartly.

The incident occurred around 8:05 p.m. Thursday August 31, 2017 as Ervin D. Miller, 55 of Hartly, was operating a horse drawn carriage westbound on Halltown Road (SR8) attempting to make a left turn into Royal Farms at the intersection with Hartly Road (SR44). An unknown make and model vehicle was traveling eastbound on SR8 and collided with the carriage, ejecting both Miller and his 55-year-old wife into the roadway. The vehicle then continued eastbound on SR8 and possibly turned northbound on Pearsons Corner Road.

Ervin Miller was transported by EMS to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital (KGH) where he was later pronounced dead. His wife was also transported to KGH and is currently admitted in critical condition.

The fleeing vehicle was only described at a dark colored older style passenger car that may have sustained considerable damage to the front bumper, hood, and window.

The horse detached itself from the carriage and ran from the scene, later to be located back at the residence of the victims. It is unknown if it sustained any injuries.

SR8 in the area of the crash was closed for three and a half hours while the crash was investigated and cleared.

The Collision Reconstruction Unit is continuing their

investigation into this incident. If anyone has any information in reference to this crash or the hit and run vehicle, they are asked to contact Detective W. Killen at 302-698-8451. Information may also be provided by calling Delaware Crime Stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com>.

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